(d) and (e) Government and the Reserve Bank of India have taken several steps to ensure that bank eontituents open accounts in their own names, Banks have been asked to satisfy themselves about the genuineness of the account holders. Banks' inspecting officers are also required t_0 report to higher authorities any cases of suspected incometax evasion that they may come across during their inspection of branches. Banks are required to repay deposits of Rs. 10,000- or more only through 'account payee' cheques. Besides, banks are statutorily required to furnish to Income Tax authorities every year the names and addresses of all persons who, during the previous year had been P[a]'d aggregate interest of Rs. 1000-or more.

Promotions *to* SC Employees in PF office, Delhi

1551. SHRI RAM NARESH KUSHAWAHA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that sometime in the last week of December, 1985 a memorandum was submitted to Govern ment by the All India Employees' provident Fund Scheduled Caste | Scheduled Tribe Staff Federation regarding denial of promotions to the Scheduled Caste employees in the regional Provident Fund Office in Delhi; and

(b) if so, what is the nature of the grievances of the Scheduled Caste em ployees and what steps have been taken by Government to redress their grievan ces?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Scheduled Caste employees in the office of Regional Provident Fund Commissioner, Delhi have alleged denial of promotions to them as Upper Division Clerks I Head Clearks as per the roster of promotion prescribed by the Government of India. According to the report furnished by the Employees' Provident Fund authorities, all the eligible Scheduled Caste employees have beeni promoted strictly according to the reservation orders issued by the Government of India.

Demand for castor oil in World Market

1552. SHRI DINKARRAO GOVINDRAO PATIL:
SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state-.

(a) whether the demand for castor oil is likely to shoot up in the world market in the coming years;

(b) whether the demand requires monitoring; and

(c) if so, what action Government propose to take to derive maximum benefits out of it?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) The world demand of caster oil bas remained static, with the world trade varying between 1.5 to 1.8 lakh tonnes. The castor oil and $casto_r$ oil based products can be substituted by alternative materials of equal technical performance and as such the consumption of castor oil is dependant upon the availability and prices of alternative materials. The international price of $casto_r$ oil has also shown wide fluctuations due to erratic supply and production position of this commodity. The world demand in coming years would depend upon price of castor oil and its substitutes.

(b) The potential for export of castor oil from India, aggressive competition by our competitors and the resultant fluctua tions in international price in recent years had necessitated closer monitoring of our exports and the international market for this commodity.

(c) A Working Group on Castor Oil had been set up in this Ministry to formulate a *°ng term strategy for export of castor oil from India. The Working